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Strike primarily directed against government because of its arrest of four alleged agitators in ARAMCO.

Arrest due their alleged resistance activities Royal Commission appointed by Crown Prince to investigate labor conditions.

No demands presented to company by strikers.

ARAMCO had not protested or requested action.

At present time roughly 37 per cent of native employees in ARAMCO working and 76 per cent at Dhahran Airport.

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Troubles really result from
disintegration governmental power due
Ibn Saud illness - Angina Pectoris.

French doctors say may live ten days --
ten years.

Crown Prince not as strong as father
and rivalry among contenders although
Crown Prince has been designated by
Ibn Saud.

No very clear evidence of Communist
inspiration although ^{some} ~~one~~ strike leader ~~was~~
in touch with Communist elements of
Beirut which apparently becoming Communist
center for operations in Arabi~~a~~ areas.

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Strikers burned down workers recreation center - why, nobody knows.

Saudi police and Army treated strikers brutally but avoided firing so physical and personal damage so far relatively low.

On the whole order reasonably maintained.

Government has ordered men to work with threats of deportation to unpleasant parts of Kingdom if they refuse.

ARAMCO protested and advised to mind its own business.

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